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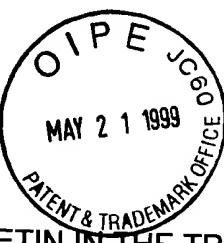
In re the application of:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 21, 1998, for two (2) months from March 21, 1999 to May 21, 1999.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$380.00) to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 14-1060.

Respectfully submitted,

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